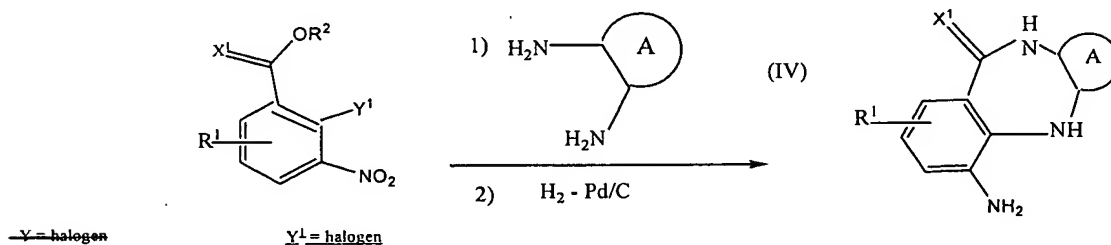


## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 13, please amend the second paragraph, Scheme II and the following paragraph as follows:

“The compounds III are synthesized, as shown in Scheme 2, by reacting a substituted nitrobenzoic ester IV, in which  $R^2$  denotes branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, with a suitable diamine in a polar solvent, such as for example dimethylformamide, in the presence of a base, such as potassium carbonate, at from  $100^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$ , preferably at from  $110^\circ$  to  $130^\circ\text{C}$ , in particular at about  $120^\circ\text{C}$ , and subsequently hydrogenating in the presence of a suitable catalyst, such as 10% palladium on charcoal.

Scheme 2



The substituted dibenzodiazepine derivatives I which are contained in the present invention are inhibitors of the enzyme poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase or PARP (EC 2.4.2.30).”